

**Maryland State Board of Victim Services
Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
100 Community Place, 2nd Floor, Room 2.104
Crownsville, MD 21032
Wednesday, July 18, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

Participating Members:

Steve Kelly, Esq., Chair
Barbara Bond, Vice-Chair
Wes Adams, Esq.
Anne Bean
Jessica Dickerson
Lieutenant Mark Meil for Sheriff Gary Hofmann (phone)
Joe Riley, Esq. (phone)
Jill Ritter
Alonzo Robertson, Esq.
Lisa Smith, Esq.
Lisa Spicknall-Horner
Jessica Wheeler for Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Jeanne Yeager (phone)

Guests:

Christy Kleinhenz, Appriss Safety
Tianna Mays, Sexual Assault Legal Institute
Jonathon Waunch, Appriss Safety

Staff:

Rebecca Allyn, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Kelly Gorman, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. GOCCP Updates

Ms. Wheeler informed Council members that the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Notice of Funding Availabilities (NOFAs) will be posted within the next two weeks. There is a new fund, Pretrial Services Program Grant (PSPG), to assist counties in the development, implementation and improvement of pretrial services programs that reduce the size and cost of pretrial detention populations, reduce recidivism and improve public safety outcomes, especially the safety of victims and witnesses. Grant applications for this fund are due by 7/27/18. The Maryland Domestic Violence Program applications are due by 7/20/18. This grant fund supports temporary shelter environments and supportive services available to local comprehensive domestic violence service programs to meet the needs of domestic violence victims and their families.

The Office is continuing to implement the Handle with Care program statewide. The Office is hosting two Handle with Care trainings on July 30. This promising initiative connects law enforcement, schools and treatment providers to mitigate the negative effects experienced by children's exposure to trauma. Kelly Gorman is the State's Handle with Care Coordinator.

III. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda contained the May 2018 Board meeting minutes, Governor's Family Violence Council updates, the Children's Justice Act Committee updates, and the updated Annual Operating Plan (AOP). Ms. Yeager made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Ms. Spicknall-Horner seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the consent agenda was approved.

IV. VINE Presentation

Jonathan Waunch and Christy Kleinhenz provided the Board with an overview of Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE). Mr. Waunch and Ms. Kleinhenz discussed the overall workflow and set-up of VINE and emphasized the way victims can register to receive updates, free of charge, about an offender's status. Mr. Waunch went into more detail about "Enhanced VINE." The Enhanced VINE platform has new features and allows for a more intuitive user experience, all while supporting the goal of VINE: keep victims safe through the power of information. The Board was able to discuss the use of VINE and its strengths and limitations.

V. Strategic Initiatives Subcommittee Discussion

Mr. Robertson informed Board members about trainings for victim service providers and advocates through the Roper Victim Assistance Academy of Maryland (RVAAM). Mr. Robertson specifically discussed the curriculum and certification requirements. He interviewed two people who completed the training who said the training was useful for new professionals to the victim service field but not if you were already involved with victim services. Members discussed the possibility of RVAAM working with the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence and the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault to provide training on victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as homicide, human trafficking, family related abuse and stalking victims. Ms. Allyn informed Board members that the RVAAM is certified through the National Advocate Credentialing Program. Mr. Robertson suggested convening a meeting with the RVAAM staff to collaborate on training topics.

Ms. Allyn updated Board members that the VOCA NOFA will include a priority area for bilingual advocates and services, as suggested by the Board at the last meeting.

VI. 2019 Crime Victims' Rights Events

Ms. Allyn informed the Board that the 2019 Crime Victims' Memorial Services will be held in Anne Arundel, Caroline, Carroll, and St. Mary's Counties. Members briefly discussed the topic of opioid overdose victims and agreed to continue the discussion at a later date.

Members also discussed ideas for the 2019 Crime Victims' Rights Conference. Some ideas for the conference include:

- Collaborate with Roper Victim Assistance Academy of Maryland
- Look into advanced trainings from Roper Victim Assistance Academy of Maryland

- Discuss special populations of victims
- Discuss how the state system interacts with the federal system
- Provide training for attorneys and advocates to focus on finding a balance between helping victims and being realistic in expectations during the criminal justice process
 - Prosecutor and advocate panel to discuss roles and responsibilities of each
- Discussion on mass violence and crisis intervention teams
- Victims' Rights 101

VII. Old/New Business

Board members further discussed the Pretrial Services Program Grant in regards to victim stay-away alert technology. Members discussed that this technology should be made a priority but some counties have limited resources to access it. Ms. Allyn informed the Board that no jurisdiction in Maryland currently has victim stay-away alert technology. Last year, the Board was mandated to develop a brochure to inform victims on how to request that an offender be placed on electronic monitoring or victim stay-away alert technology. The Board developed the brochure *Maryland Crime Victims: Requesting Protections for Safety*. Since we know that no jurisdictions have victim stay-away alert technology, additional language was suggested to be included on future orders of this brochure. The Board voted to add "Notice: Victim stay-away alert technology may not be available in your jurisdiction at this time." The Board approved this language.

Ms. Allyn also encouraged Board members to have their jurisdiction apply for the Pretrial Services Program Grant to fund victim stay-away alert technology and other pretrial services.

VIII. Adjournment

Ms. Dickerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Spicknall-Horner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:02 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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